

REMARKS

Claims 10-11 were rejected as unpatentable over PU et al. 2001/0056325 in view of MOTOMURA EP 1 209 863 A2. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Official Action indicates that PU et al. disclose that the driver and hardware module are arranged to obtain a time zone within which the system is located from a date and time property of an operating system (OS) of the system in response to a country update request from a user of the system.

However, this is not correct. PU et al. disclose that the current time zone is derived from the current GPS position (paragraph 0024). There is no indication in PU et al. that the date and time property of an operating system of the system is based on the GPS position and thus there is no basis for assuming that the time zone in PU et al. is obtained from a date and time property of the operating system. PU et al. use the GPS position to determine the current time zone of the system, and if the system does not have a GPS system PU et al. do not indicate how the current time zone would be determined. Further, PU et al. do not indicate that the time zone is obtained in response to a country update request from a user of the system. There is no mention of country update request in the reference.

The Official Action acknowledges that PU et al. do not disclose the further limitations of claim 10 and relies on

MOTOMURA for the suggestion to modify PU et al. to include the further limitations.

However, MOTOMURA does not disclose or suggest retrieving a list of countries in the time zone within which the system is located. MOTOMURA also use the GPS position to determine the current country (paragraph 0038), but does not retrieve a list of countries in the current time zone. As with PU et al., the system must have a GPS to determine its position. Indeed, with a GPS there would be no reason to list the countries in the current time zone because the current country would be known, as discussed in paragraph 0038 of MOTOMURA. The step of retrieving a list of countries in the current time zone is superfluous when a GPS is available and one of skill in the art would not perform this step in the combination of PU et al. and MOTOMURA that both use GPS.

MOTOMURA also do not permit the user of the system to select a present-location country from the list of countries retrieved. As just noted, with GPS the system knows which country in which it is located and has no need for the user to select a present-location country. This step is superfluous when a GPS is available and one of skill in the art would not perform this step in the combination of PU et al. and MOTOMURA.

Thus, the combination of PU et al. and MOTOMURA does not include at least steps (a)-(c) of claim 10, and claim 10 is not obvious to one of skill in the art. The modifications

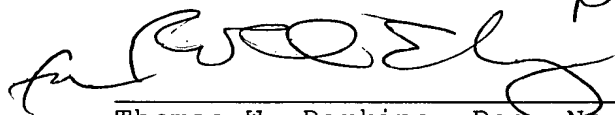
suggested in the Official Action to add steps (b)-(c) to PU et al. are superfluous since both references use GPS and one of skill in the art would not find steps (b)-(c) obvious from this combination.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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